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FROM: Frank Filas, Reclamation Engineer



RE: Site Inspection, Ziegler Gilsonite Mines, M/C47/013

On August 27, 1987 Frank Jensen, Dave Wham, and I met with Norman Haslem, Mine Superintendent, at the Ziegler Gilsonite Mines. One of the topics of conversation concerned the reclamation procedure for the shafts. We agreed that the cement cap used to seal the old shafts was adequate. John Blake of State Lands and Forestry had requested that these cement seals be covered with soil and revegetated. Mr. Haslem was of the opinion that this might create a safety hazard in the future since no one would be aware of their location.

The seals are relatively small and it didn't appear that too much would be lost by not covering them. The gilsonite mines are spread over unpatented BLM claims, state leases, and fee ground. It was decided that final reclamation methods (i.e., soil cover or no soil cover) would be according to the wishes of the applicable land owner or land managing agency.

cc: F. Jensen

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